## J.D. Patton ATC Heating, Ventilation, Air Conditioning and Refrigeration Program Receives Equipment Donation from Habegger Corporation

J.D. Patton Area Technology Center HVAC-R Instructor John Christiansen and his students recently received an equipment donation worth approximately \$25,000 from The Habegger Corporation.

Heating, ventilation, air conditioning and refrigeration students will now be able to use outdoor air conditioning units and heat pumps, evaporator coils, and electric furnaces.

The local distributor provided approximately 80 pieces of Bryant Heating & Cooling Systems equipment.

The donation, presented by Habegger operations manager Jeff Pennington, will help students learn hands-on skills using up to date equipment in the industry.



Photo provided by Kenton Co. Board of Education. J.D. Patton students sitting on boxes of donated equipment.

First row (I to r): Steven Reece and Chad Malone (in white sweat jacket). Second row (I to r), David Boyd (standing), Ryan Young (ball cap), Matt Stulz (curly hair), Brandon Rone (white shirt) and Chevy Millward (blue striped shirt). Third row (I to r): Mark Monson (sitting on box in white t-shirt), Josh Dorman, and Ian Lemming (both sitting on box).

"The Habegger Corporation has been an independent Bryant Distributor for over 55 years," said Pennington. "Habegger has always supported the industry, organizations and the surrounding community. Through the donation of this Bryant equipment, Habegger continues its commitment to the community and industry by enhancing the professionalism and education of the HVAC trade."

According to Christiansen, his program prepares students to go into air conditioning and heating careers and related fields including refrigeration, plumbing, and/or industrial maintenance. Students can continue their postsecondary education at Northern Kentucky University in construction management and Gateway Community and Technical College.

"I would like to thank Habegger and Bryant for their continued support of my program. We have been working together for the last four years to ensure the highest level of education for students," said Christiansen. "This allows air conditioning technology students to use real world equipment. They will install the equipment, make it a full ventilation system and then simulate service scenarios."

"The generous donation of this equipment has greatly enhanced our ability to produce highly trained technicians in the heating and air conditioning field of study," said J.D. Patton ATC principal Ray Stanley. "We believe in the importance of school and community partnerships. This partnership will allow us to be in a position to develop our future workforce to rival any workforce around the world."



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